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FM AMEMBASSY SUVA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 7529

INFO AMEMBASSY PARIS

AMEMBASSY CANBERRA

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EMIN

SUBJECT: COBALT

REF: A) STATE 145925, B) CANBERRA 4546, C) PARIS 18820

1. RE: COBALT SITUATION IN NEW CALEDONIA. REGIONAL RESOURCES ATTACHE (RRA) VISIT NEW CALEDONIA IN MARCH 1978 AND REPORTED HIS FINDINGS IN REFTEL B (FINDINGS ARE KEYED TO STATE'S QUERY IN REFTEL A).

2. INFORMATION AVAILABLE LOCALLY TO EMBASSY SUVA LEAVES THIS POST WITH LITTLE TO ADD, AT THIS TIME, TO THE REPORT OF THE REGIONAL RESOURCES ATTACHE, OR TO THE COMMENTS OF EMBASSY PARIS REF C., LAST PARA.).

3. JANUARY THROUGH APRIL UOIN NEW CALEDONIA CULULATIVE PRODUCTION TOTALED: FERRONICKELS 7.4 MILLION METRIC TONS; NICKEL 1.2 MILLION, CHROME 1.4 MILLION. TOTAL EXPORTS IN MONTHS OF APRIL 1978: FERRONICKEL 1,751.1 THOUSAND METRIC TONS; VALUE F.O.B. 633.8MILLON FRANCS CFP. OF THIS TOTAL ONLY 600.9 THOUSAND METRIC TONS VALUED AT 633.8 FRANCS CFP WERE EXPORTED OUT OF THE METROPOLE AREA.

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4. WE WILL HAVE AN OFFICER IN NEW CALEDNIA, JUNE 26 TO 30TH, ON ANOTHER ASSIGNMENT AND WILL ASK THAT OFFICER TO SUPPLEMENT EARLIER REPORTS, IF THE DEPARTMENT FEELS FURTHER INFORMATION IS NEEDED AT THIS TIME.

5. PLEASE ADVISE.

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